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1. CONSORTIA/CHARITABLE PURCHASING AGREEMENTS

SOLS negotiates charitable/consortia purchasing agreements (CPAs) on behalf of SOLS libraries. CPAs are 'economies of scale' pricing for the purchase or lease of a range of goods and services.

Employee Health Benefits

The initial marketing of employee extended health benefits through a consortium approach coordinated by Mosey and Mosey Benefit Plan Consultants has been a success. Fort Erie

Public Library, the Library Services Centre, and SOLS are participating at this point, with each organization gaining considerable savings over their previous plans. Several smaller libraries are currently working on plans with Mosey and Mosey. A description and contact information are available at http://www.sols.org/resourcesharing/coolcpa/index.htm

For further information, you may also go directly to the relevant section on the Mosey and Mosey website at www.moseyandmosey.com, click on 'Resources', then on 'Library Consulting'. You can also contact Kevin Ashe at Mosey and Mosey at 1-800-373-6488 or by e-mail at kashe@mosey.on.ca

Remember that the greater the participation, the greater the savings on rates for all. Please consider reviewing your current coverage. This message was also sent by Sue Walls through the SOLSCEO listserv on April 29, 2005.

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2. DELIVERY UPDATE

On Monday, June 27, 2005, SOLS delivery routes H, I, J, K and L will be modified to keep our operational costs in line. Libraries will be contacted directly by Mary Jo Lynett, Delivery Service Supervisor, if the change affects them. The current number of days of delivery will not be changed but some libraries will see a change in the time(s) of delivery, day(s) of delivery and/or their route designation. The web address for SOLS delivery services is http://www.sols.org/resourcesharing/delivery/index.htm

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3. NETLIBRARY EBOOK DEMONSTRATIONS

As you know, SOLS and OLS North are providing a one-year subsidy to NetLibrary's e-book collection for all libraries. For libraries serving communities of less than 15,000, this means that there will be no cost for access to this collection. For libraries serving larger communities, there is a graded payment schedule. While libraries that have paid this year for NetLibrary will not get a refund, SOLS will make an additional $100 contribution to the collection on behalf of these libraries. This will result in a larger collection.

We have organized a series of information session to train library staff on this product and review the process for acquiring access to collections. While there is no cost to attend a session, **you are required to register**. Complete information on the session and the registration forms are available at http://www.sols.org/librarydev/training/clinicsworkshops/workshop8.htm

The dates, times and locations for the six demonstrations are:

Shelburne Public Library, Tuesday, June 7, 2005 from 1pm to 3pm
Pelham Public Library - Fonthill, Monday, June 13, 2005 from noon to 2pm
Simcoe County Administration Building, Midhurst, Tuesday, June 14, 2005 from 1pm to 3pm
Pembroke Public Library, Monday, June 20, 2005 from 1pm to 3pm
Smiths Falls Public Library, Tuesday, June 21, 2005 from 10am to noon
Cavan- Millbrook- North Monaghan Public Library - Bruce Johnston branch, Monday, June 27, 2005 from 10:30am to 12:30pm

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4. SOLS TRAINING WORKSHOPS

Training information for this spring's workshops, as well as electronic registration forms and

maps, are available at http://www.sols.org/librarydev/training/clinicsworkshops/index.htm . In addition to the Netlibrary Ebook demonstrations listed above, the following training workshops will be held in late May/June:

Workshop #7 – Managing Time and Managing Stress

Wednesday, May 18, 2005 from 1pm to 4pm, Ramara Centre – Auditorium, Orillia
Monday, May 30, 2005 from 1pm to 4pm, Petawawa Public Library
Wednesday, June 1, 2005 from 1pm to 4pm, Trent Hills Public Library – Campbellford branch
Wednesday, June 8, 2005 from 1pm to 4pm, Augusta Township Public Library

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5. CELEBRATE NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY WITH A "FIRST NATION COMMUNITIES READS" READING

Do you realize that First Nation Communities Read (FNCR), launched during First Nations Public Library Week, is a year-round program? If your library did not host a reading of the 2005 FNCR picture book selection, *SkySisters* by Jan Bourdeau Waboose, last February, now is the time to schedule one. What better way for libraries to celebrate June 21, National Aboriginal Day, than by promoting native authors, illustrators and artisans? Pull your copies of *Dragonfly Kites* by Thomson Highway and *Solomon's Tree* by Andrea Spalding, the 2003 and 2004 FNCR titles selections, or get out and buy them, and you have got a full program. For more information about the FNCR program, visit the SOLS website at http://www.sols.org/marketing/fnpubliclibraryweek/read.htm

For a participation report form and children's aboriginal activity web sites, visit the SOLS website at http://www.sols.org/marketing/fnpubliclibraryweek/read.htm. For a FNCR 2005 poster, contact Alan Gayda by email at

For more information about National Aboriginal Day and free promotional materials to round out your FNCR reading program, visit the Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) web site at http://www.ainc-i.gc.ca/nad/index_e.html

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6. SOLS WEBSITE

SOLS maintains a comprehensive topical index to information called the Clearinghouse.

a) One of the sections in the Clearinghouse refers to Digital Collections. At this page, you will find background information on digitization but also a number of other Ontario library Initiatives in digitization. The direct address is http://www.sols.org/links/clearinghouse/collectiondev/digitalcollections.htm . Two collections which have recently been added to the "SOLS Clearinghouse - Digital Collections" page are from Huron County and Waterloo Regional Library. Huron County Library recently created a digital collection. This collection, called the Reuben R. Sallows Digital Library Collection, has won the OLITA Award for Technological Innovation Award. The web address is http://www.sallowsgallery.ca/. The Waterloo Regional Library has compiled a record of over 1000 Mennonite families who moved from Pennsylvania to Ontario, starting in 1800. Called "From Pennsylvania to Waterloo", this is a digitization of Ezra Eby's two volume book called *A Biographical History of Waterloo Township*. It includes documents, photographs, maps and pictures of six pioneer families. The web address for this collection is http://ebybook.region.waterloo.on.ca/

b) Within the Clearinghouse, another topic is "Adaptive Technology and Accessibility Resources" at http://www.sols.org/links/clearinghouse/facilities/index.htm#Adaptive. A recent

addition to the index is a report called "E-Learning for Prescott: Community Capacity Building through Telecommunications". Written by Laurie McArthur at the Adaptive Technology Resource Centre of the University of Toronto, this is a report on a successful Bell Canada Foundation application which was a request to fund the implementation of information technology supports in the library to a) support patrons with disabilities; b) support literacy after school; c) explore tele-teaching for health, business and the environment; and d) reinforce software that is available within the five schools in the community.

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7. FRENCH SERVICES RESOURCES

Further to a number of requests from library staff responsible for French collections around the province, a new page has been created in the SOLS Clearinghouse, entitled "**French Services Resources**". The direct web address is
http://www.sols.org/links/clearinghouse/frenchservices/index.htm

Claire-Marie Paquette-Finlay, the SOLS Web Editor, who is also the French Services Consultant, will be maintaining this page. The French Services Resources page pulls together the "Essential French Toolbox" for library staff who maintain a basic French collection. The links are annotated in English and where they exist, the links are to the English interface of the websites. For example, you will find the following link on that page.

The French Services Resources page is not intended to duplicate the other SOLS pages, for example, one might want to also visit the "**Développement des collections et resources littéraires**" page for a more in-depth coverage. That page includes links sorted by the following topics; Auteurs, Bandes dessinées, Bibliographies, Coups de coeur et bestsellers, Critiques, Genres littéraires, Librairies virtuelles, Listes de discussion littéraire, Littérature jeunesse, Multimédia, Nouveautés, Périodiques, Poésie, Politiques de développement des collections, Prix littéraires, Revues littéraires, Services techniques dans les bibliothèques. It also includes links to web sites such as ***Le Bon Choix*** Réseau du Centre-du-Québec, de la Lanaudière et de la Mauricie), a bi-monthly publications that lists 130 new selections, bestsellers and most borrowed books from Québec public libraries. It includes annotations, in French, as well as bibliographic information.

In trying to make this page as useful as possible, feedback on the page would be appreciated or if there are sources that you are having trouble finding, please let Claire-Marie know. Claire-Marie is available for advice on any aspect of French services and she can be contacted at 1-866-862-4596 or by e-mail at cmfinlay@sols.org

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8. SOLS @ CLA

Patty Lawlor, SOLS First Nation Consultant, is attending CLA in Calgary to promote the First Nation Communities Read (FNCR) program. Program promotion includes program acknowledgment and a reading by Jan Bourdeau Waboose of ***SkySisters***, the 2005 FNCR title selection, at the CLA Book Awards Banquet (June 16), and a FNCR poster session (June 17). For more information about the FNCR program, visit the SOLS web site at http://www.sols.org/marketing/fnpubliclibraryweek/read.htm SOLS acknowledges the support of Canadian Heritage for making the FNCR program promotion possible.

On behalf of the CLA Aboriginal Interest Group, Patty has also organized, and will participate as a panelist in, a CLA Hot Topics session (June 18). The session, "Aboriginal Libraries – Advocacy On the Move – How You Can Support the Movement," will share information about developments that indicate momentum is building across the country to improve awareness of and support for Aboriginal libraries and their issues. It will also address how staff in native and non-native libraries can support and contribute to this growing support movement.

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9. SOLS IN THE COMMUNITY

a) One Book, One Community – Renfrew County Reads

The inaugural launch of the 'One Book, One Community – Renfrew County Reads' initiative was held at the Petawawa Public Library on June 16, 2005. The book announced for this year's program was "Another Place at the Table: My Mother's Story", by local author Mary Cook, a poignant story of a thirteen year old girl who runs away from her Ottawa tenement home to New York City, and then her life on a desolate farm in Renfrew County during the Depression years.

Inspired by the success of similar initiatives in cities like Seattle, Vancouver, Waterloo and Hamilton, 'One Book, One Community - Renfrew County Reads' is the first program of its kind in the area. SOLS Consultant Terry Sarazen worked with the area libraries on this project.

'One Book One Community - Renfrew County Reads' is a book club for the entire county, cultivating a culture of reading and discussion in Renfrew County by bringing people together around one great book. The aims of this program are to promote literacy and local authors, to foster a sense of community by creating a common topic of conversation, and to create opportunities to engage people in reading and discussion through a variety of exciting events held in participating municipalities from May to November. A number of different local organizations have partnered together to plan these events, including public libraries, books stores, municipal parks and recreation staff, seniors clubs, university women's groups, historical societies, book discussion clubs and literacy groups.

A book club kit, consisting of ten copies of the book and a readers' guide, provided through interlibrary loan by the Petawawa Public Library, has proved to be a popular item with the County's many book discussion clubs.

For more information about the program and a list of upcoming events, please visit the 'One Book, One Community – Renfrew County Reads' website:
http://www.pembroke.library.on.ca/obocframe.html

b) **Blue Spruce Program**

Patty Lawlor, a regular reviewer of children's books for *Quill & Quire*, is serving a second term on the Ontario Library Association's Blue Spruce Reading Program's selection committee.

The Blue Spruce program, established in 2002 by Ontario teacher-librarians, is a provincial reading program for kindergarten to grade three students. Adopted by OLA, the program encourages young children to become excited about books and reading and raises an early awareness of quality Canadian books. For more information about the Blue Spruce Reading Program, visit the OLA web site at http://www.accessola.com/site/showPage.cgi?page=reading/bluespruce/index.html

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10. CONTACT INFORMATION - Reminder to update information

Library staff should notify us of any change pertaining to their contact information, especially as it applies to e-mails. Over the coming weeks, there will likely be many changes forthcoming as libraries change from Bell service to a new ISP (Internet Service Provider). Notification of changes can be sent to directory@sols.org

Please remember that it may also be necessary to make changes to any discussion lists for

which one has a subscription. This would apply to discussion lists (listservs) hosted by SOLS or another organization. The SOLS' Mailman list server hosts 39 lists (with 2,900+ members). The advantage of using a list server is that it is not usually necessary for SOLS staff to manually maintain memberships. To make changes to a SOLS discussion list, you can go to the SOLS website at: http://www.sols.org/librarydev/networking/discussion/index.htm and follow the instructions provided.

Another fast, easy way to change a specific e-mail address on all the SOLS discussion lists is to find the "lists.library.on.ca mailing list memberships reminder" e-mail that would have been received on the first of each month from the list server. (You may have deleted it because you thought it was spam!) Click on one of the list-specific URL's in that message (any of them, if you subscribe to more than one) and use your unique password for that list to get to the configuration settings. Enter the new e-mail addresses twice in the appropriate boxes. Put a tick in the "Change globally" box (to change your address for all lists that address is subscribed to on our server). Click on the "Change My Address and Name" button. For any trouble-shooting in this area, please contact Gale Thompson, SOLS Systems Support Analyst, at 1-800-387-5765, ext.5103, or by e-mail to gthompson@sols.org.

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11. SOLS CEO LISTSERV

SOLS maintains a list of all the e-mail addresses for SOLS CEOs. It is this list that is used to distribute Signal. Several times through the month, you may also receive other messages from SOLS. This month, the following messages were sent:

On April 12, 2005, Sue Walls sent a message to advise CEOs in SOLS that an electronic Client Services Information Collection Form was available on our website at http://www.sols.org/aboutsols/clientservices/index.htm . Questions about the Client Services Information Collection Form or SOLS' Contribution to Your Library project were directed to Laurey Gillies, CEO at 1-800-387-5765 ext. 5118, (416) 961-1669 ext. 5118 or email at lgillies@sols.org. The deadline for completion of the form was May 11, 2005.

On May 16th, Brenda Lewis sent a message about a COOL offer from Oxford University Press Several OUP products were offered including the Oxford English Dictionary, American National Biography, Oxford Reference Online, Oxford Scholarship Online and Dictionary of National Biography. Product information, trial access, pricing and ordering details, as well as the license agreement, were included in the information package that was attached to the message. The deadline for expression of interest was Thursday, May 26th. For further clarification or questions about this offer, please contact Brenda at 1-800-387-5765, ext. 5130, or blewis@sols.org .

On May 19th, Brenda Lewis sent a message about a COOL offer for Groves Music & Musicians Online and Groves Art Online. The package included product details, pricing, trial access and license agreement information. The deadline for participation is Tuesday, May 31st. If you have any questions, or require further clarification, please contact Brenda at blewis@sols.org or 800-387-5765, ext. 5130.

If you did not receive these messages, and would like further information, please contact the SOLS HelpDesk at 1-(800)-387-5765, ext. 4, or by e-mail to helpdesk@sols.org

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